

a plurality of tensioned spaced slug cutting wires attached to and extending between the beams, the wires being located at spaced locations along the beams; and

a A wire-cutting apparatus for brick manufacturing, the apparatus including:

a pair of generally vertically spaced elongated beams arranged in a substantially parallel, spaced relationship;

a plurality of tensioned spaced slug cutting wires attached to and extending between the beams, the wires being located at spaced locations along the beams; and

a plurality of blades mounted on one of the beams to facilitate a slug forming a slot in a green brick being formed; and

wherein each of respective blades is associated with, and located approximately adjacent to, a corresponding one of the wires, such that slots are formed at a corner of the green brick being formed. plurality of blades mounted on one of the beams to facilitate a slug forming a slot in a green brick being formed; and

wherein each of respective blades is associated with, and located approximately adjacent to, a corresponding one of the wires, such that slots are formed at a corner of the green brick being formed.--

--11. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein each blade has a passage through which an associated one of the wires passes.--

--12. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein there is mounted a plurality of the blades on both beams, with the blades being arranged in pairs, with each pair including a respective one of the blades on each of the beams and between which an associated one of the wires passes.--

--13. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein there is mounted a plurality of the blades on both beams, with the blade being arranged in pairs with each pair including a respective one of the blades on each of the beams and between which an associated one of the wires passes.--

--14. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein each wire has a major length displaced laterally relative to portions of the wire located between the blades.--

--15. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein each wire has a major length displaced laterally relative to portions of the wire located between the blades.—

### **In the Specification:**

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### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 and 8-9 were pending. Claims 1-6 and 8-9 have been cancelled. New claims 10-15 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, claims 10-15 are presented and at issue. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of this Amendment and the accompanying Remarks.

#### **1. Priority**

Applicant hereby acknowledges the Examiner's receipt of papers submitted under  
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